

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-921 (Final)]

Folding Gift Boxes From China

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of folding gift boxes, provided for in subheadings 4819.20.00 and 4819.50.40 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective February 20, 2001, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Harvard Folding Box Company, Inc., Lynn, MA, and Field Container Company, L.P., Elk Grove, IL. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of folding gift boxes from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of August 30, 2001 (66 FR 45864). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on November 15, 2001, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on December 21, 2001. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3480 (December 2001), entitled *Folding Gift Boxes from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-921 (Final)*.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Justice Statistics

[OJP (BJS)-1342]

2002 Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories

AGENCY: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a public solicitation to obtain a data collection agent for the 2002 Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) on or before 5 p.m. EST, February 8, 2002 or be postmarked on or before February 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be mailed to Application Coordinator, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531; (202) 616-3497.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg W. Steadman, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531; Phone (202) 616-3284 [This is not a toll free number]; E-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority

The awards made pursuant to this solicitation will be funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics consistent with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 3732.

Program Goals

The purpose of this award is to provide funding to administer the 2002 Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories. The survey will obtain baseline information about the workload and operations of the approximately 400 forensic crime laboratories in the United States. Special emphasis will be made to identify the specific activities and resources to support forensic analysis within each laboratory including: personnel, budget, workload, and agencies for which analyses are performed and results reported. The initial draft survey instrument and roster of agencies list will be provided by BJS.

BJS anticipates making the award for a 12 month period under this solicitation. A total of up to \$250,000 will be made available to complete the project pending OMB clearance and availability of FY 2002 appropriations.

Background

The implementation of the 2002 Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories is part of a continuing effort by BJS to expand statistical activities related to forensic crime laboratories. With the many recent advances in analysis and use of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) evidence by law enforcement agencies, attention has been focused on the improvement of DNA capabilities. The U.S. Department of Justice is now expanding crime laboratory support to all forensic disciplines beyond DNA that constitute the vast majority of physical evidence submitted for analysis in our nation's public laboratories.

Though information is available through previous surveys such as BJS' Survey of DNA Crime Laboratories, 1998 and Federal Bureau of Investigation's CODIS Survey of DNA Laboratories, that information is primarily limited to laboratories performing DNA analyses. The American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD) also collects information limited to their membership with an annual management survey. Baseline information about all publicly funded forensic crime laboratories has not been collected on a national level.

The goal of this survey is to provide baseline statistical information on the operations and workload of publicly funded forensic crime laboratories operating in the United States in order to improve the Nation's understanding of the level of work performed and resources committed to criminal forensic science analyses. The information will be useful for Federal, State and local governments to assess the areas in which additional resources for development, improvement or expansion of forensic capabilities are necessary. The information will also assist State and local laboratories in identifying technology disparities across laboratories and targeting equipment, supplies, training and technical assistance to such labs from programs such as the Crime Laboratory Improvement Program (CLIP) administered by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

Eligibility Requirements

Both profit making and nonprofit organizations may apply for funds. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements,

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).